

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID HANDFORD,

Plaintiff,

v.

V. YAP,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-cv-00115-JDP (PC)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THIS  
CASE SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR  
FAILURE TO PROSECUTE AND FAILURE  
TO STATE A CLAIM

RESPONSE DUE WITHIN TWENTY-ONE  
DAYS

On March 9, 2021, I screened plaintiff's complaint, notified him that the complaint failed to state a claim, and granted him sixty days to file an amended complaint. ECF No. 5. To date, plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint.

To manage its docket effectively, the court imposes deadlines on litigants and requires litigants to meet those deadlines. The court can dismiss a case for plaintiff's failure to prosecute or failure to comply with court orders or local rules. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *Hells Canyon Pres. Council v. U.S. Forest Serv.*, 403 F.3d 683, 689 (9th Cir. 2005); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988). Involuntary dismissal is a harsh penalty, but a district court has a duty to administer justice expeditiously and avoid needless burden for the parties. *See Pagtalunan v. Galaza*, 291 F.3d 639, 642 (9th Cir. 2002); Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

1 I will give plaintiff a chance to explain why the court should not dismiss the case for his  
2 failure to file an amended complaint. Plaintiff's failure to respond to this order will constitute a  
3 failure to comply with a court order and will result in a recommendation that this action be  
4 dismissed. Accordingly, plaintiff is ordered to show cause within twenty-one days why this case  
5 should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute and failure to state a claim. Should plaintiff wish  
6 to continue with this lawsuit, he shall file, within twenty-one days, a first amended complaint.

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: July 21, 2021

  
JEREMY D. PETERSON  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE